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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Cecil County - Bell Manor**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$200,000~~  
4 \$190,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Girl Scouts of Central  
5 Maryland for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;  
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that  
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant  
8 and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a certain kind of easement; and  
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Cecil County  
14 - Bell Manor Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
15 ~~\$200,000~~ \$190,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance  
16 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and  
17 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of  
18 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through  
19 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
21 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
22 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
25 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then

1 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
2 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
3 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland  
4 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design, repair,  
5 renovation, stabilization, restoration, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the  
6 historic property known as Bell Manor.

7 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in  
8 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and  
9 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years  
10 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

11 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
12 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
13 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
14 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
15 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
16 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
17 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
18 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
19 The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
20 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
21 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to  
22 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching  
23 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan  
24 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works  
25 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

26 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey  
27 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of  
28 its interest:

29 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
30 and

31 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
32 structures.

33 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust  
34 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
36 June 1, 1998.

